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And Control Method Thereof

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Amendment Transmittal (1 pg.) Response to OA (10 pgs.)

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application:

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 116

Commissioner of Patents Box Fee Amendment Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 1, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as outlined below.

In The Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 5, and add claims 10 and 11 as follows:

(Amended) Control apparatus for a gas analyzer system, the gas analyzer 1. system including a plurality of gas analyzers each having a gas analyzer unit with a plurality of outputs for analyzing a respective gas, a plurality of AD converters each having a plurality of inputs respectively connected to the outputs of the gas analyzer unit according to a connection condition, said control apparatus comprising:

an internal bus connected to an output of each AD converter;

a memory unit connected to the internal bus for storing a connection condition table which includes information for the connection condition;

a CPU bus connected to the internal bus of each of the gas analyzers; and an analyzer processing unit including a CPU connected to the CPU bus, the CPU